

THE EMPTY TOMB  
(John 20:1-10)

- I. The Testimony of MARY MAGDALENE (John 20:1-2)
  - A. She VISITED the TOMB on the first day of the week
    - [1. It became the day of CHRISTIAN WORSHIP (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:2; Rev. 1:10)]
    - 2. She came EARLY, “while it was still DARK”
    - 3. She saw the STONE had already been MOVED ASIDE
  - B. She reported the EMPTY TOMB
    - 1. She RAN to inform PETER and (probably) JOHN
    - 2. She reported that “They” had TAKEN the BODY of the Lord
    - 3. She explained “WE DON’T KNOW where they’ve laid Him”
  
- II. The Testimony of the APOSTLES (John 20:3-10)
  - A. Peter and John left IMMEDIATELY
    - 1. The “were RUNNING TOGETHER” when they left
    - 2. John got to the tomb AHEAD OF Peter
  - B. John PEERED/PEEKED inside
    - 1. He saw the GRAVECLOTHES

2. He DID NOT enter the tomb
- C. Peter arrived and ENTERED the tomb
1. He saw the GRAVECLOTHES
  2. He saw the “face-cloth” lying BY ITSELF
- D. John now ENTERED, saw these details, and BELIEVED
1. He may have come to believe MARY’S REPORT
  2. He may be the first to believe in the RESURRECTED Jesus
- E. “They did not UNDERSTAND the Scripture that He MUST rise again...” (Ps. 16:10; Isa. 53:10-12; cf. Hos. 6:2; Jon. 1:17)
- F. They RETURNED to their HOMES
- G. Jesus’ TOMB was EMPTY